GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Scholarships to SC/OBC Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students belonging to SC/OBC categories registered for various scholarships and the funds sanctioned for the said scholarships during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether students registered for scholarships and are eligible have not received the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide scholarship to eligible students in a time bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): The details of Central Assistance (CA) released to States and number of students belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Other Backward Class (OBC) covered under the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes, State-wise, for the last three years and current year are attached at Annexure-I to V;

(i) Post Matric Scholarship for SC students(PMS-SC)
(ii)Pre-matric Scholarship for SC students studying in classes IX and X.
(iii) Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students
(iv)Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC Students
(v) Up gradation of merit of SC students

(b) to (d) The Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students is an open ended scheme. It has not been possible for the Central Government to release full central assistance to all the eligible students in the States/UTs. Finance Ministry has been requested to provide adequate funds, to meet the full requirement of central assistance due to the states, under PMS(SC). Adequate funding has been provided for other centrally sponsored scholarship schemes for SC beneficiaries.

OBC Scholarship schemes are fund-limited schemes and hence, it is not possible for the Central government to provide full assistance to all eligible students. In case savings become available towards the end of financial year, additional amounts are released to the States.